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1. AMBASSADOR MET BRIEFLY WITH PRIME MINISTER MORALES BERMUDEZ AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 12. PRIME MINISTER WAS MOST CORDIAL AND APOLOGIZED FOR FACT THAT FIRST MEETING HAD TO BE BRIEF AND OF PROTOCOL NATURE (SEVERAL OTHER AMBAS- SADORS ALSO HAD APPOINTMENTS), AND SAID HE WAS ANXIOUS TO HAVE EXTENDED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY. AMBASSADOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND THAT WHILE HE HAD NUMBER OF SUBJECTS TO DISCUSS WITH PRIME MINISTER, ONLY ONE WAS OF URGENT NATURE, THAT OF U.S./PERU CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD NOT TAKE UP TIME OF PRIME MINISTER BY MAKING POINTS ORALLY, BUT WOULD LEAVE COPY OF HIS TALKING PAPER FOR PRIME MINISTER TO STUDY. MORALES BERMUDEZ SAID HE WAS AWARE OF PROBLEM AND WOULD STUDY PAPER WITH INTEREST.

2. AMBASSADOR'S TALKING PAPER, WHICH IN A SENSE CONSTITUTED INFORMAL AIDE MEMOIRE, MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: U.S./PERU CIVAIR PROBLEM HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED; CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS, NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED. UNLESS AGREEMENT IS REACHED DISTINCT POSSIBILITY EXISTS OF SUSPENSION OF SERVICE BY BOTH CARRIERS. CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN PERMIT
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MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR BRANIFF TO OPERATE AND CANNOT BE

BASIS OF AN AGREEMENT. BRANIFF (AND USG) REMAIN PREPARED NEGOTIATE AND MAKE CONCESSIONS; BRAFAFF ALREADY HAD MADE GENEROUS OFFER. INITIATIVE AT AEROPERU WORKING LEVEL HAD ALSO OFFERED SOME PROMISE, BUT UNFORTUNATELY THIS INITIATIVE HAS NOT BEEN PURSUED. USG ASSUMES GOP AND AEROPERU ARE STILL WILLING REACH AGREEMENT WHICH WILL ALLOW BRANIFF TO OPERATE. IF THIS NOT THE CASE, TWO COUNTRIES ARE ON COLLISION COURSE WHICH U.S. DOES NOT WANT AND HOPES CAN BE AVERTED.

3. AMBASSADOR HAD EARLIER MET WITH PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE ARCE AND DISCUSSED MATTER WITH HIM AS MUTUAL PROBLEM ARCE WOULD SOON SHARE. ARCE TOOK POSITION PROBLEM IS NOT REALLY SERIOUS. BASIC DIFFICULTY, HE SAID, IS THAT AIR MINISTER GILARDI REGARDS CIVAIR DIFFERENCES AS TOUCHING ON THE HONOR OF THE AIR FORCE AND HAS WRAPPED MATTER IN PERUVIAN FLAG. ARCE SAID HE WOULD TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH PRESIDENT VELASCO, AND REPEATED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON THIS ISSUE.

4. AMBASSADOR HAS MEETING SCHEDULED WITH AIR MINISTER FRIDAY NOON AND PLANS MAKE MUCH THE SAME PRESENTATION TO HIM AS HE MADE TO PRIME MINISTER, STRESSING IN ADDITION BENEFITS TO AEROPERU AND PERU OF REACHING ACCOMMODATION WITH BRANIFF WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO INCREASED TRAFFIC AND TOURISM.

5. IN MEANTIME, BRANIFF OFFICIALS WERE ABLE TO MEET WITH GENERAL SOTO AND OTHER AEROPERU OFFICIALS AT SOTO'S RESIDENCE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 11. SOTO MADE PROPOSAL WHICH BRANIFF OFFICIALS SUBSEQUENTLY DESCRIBED TO EMBASSY AS UNSATISFACTORY. A SECOND MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR FOLLOWING NIGHT, BUT WAS CALLED OFF BY SOTO AT LAST MINUTE FOR UNEXPLAINED REASONS.

6. WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP SITUATION FROM BECOMING FIRMLY SET IN CONCRETE, REMINDING HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS THAT AGREEMENT WITH USG/BRANIFF HAS NOT IN FACT BEEN REACHED, THAT SUSPENSION IS A REAL POSSIBILITY AND CONFIDENTIAL

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IN INTEREST OF ON ONE, AND EMPHASIZING THAT FOR OUR PART DOOR REMAINS VERY MUCH OPEN. DISORDERS OF PAST WEEK HAVE DELAYED OUR DEMARCHES BUT MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO OUR EFFORTS TO AVOID CONFRONTATION. WHILE LIKELIHOOD ALWAYS EXISTS THAT GOP MIGHT SEIZE ON CIVAIR ISSUE AS MEANS TO RALLY INTERNAL UNITY IN FACE OF EXTERNAL THREAT, WE BELIEVE CHANCES ARE AS GOOD, IF NOT BETTER, THAT EVENTS OF PAST WEEK MAY MILITATE AGAINST CONFRONTATION WITH U.S. AT THIS TIME.

THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT AND THE ARMED FORCES FACE SOME
VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS AT THE MOMENT AND MAY BE RELUCTANT
TO ADD TO THEM THE CONSEQUENCES OF A MAJOR QUARREL WITH
THE UNITED STATES.
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